

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 19, 2017– 1:00 p.m.  
John W. Collette Education Resource Center

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dr. Bradley Layfield.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Dr. Bradley Layfield, Gary Cimaglia, Stan Waterman, Dr. Matthew Donovan, Susanne Williams, Dr. Evelyn Edney, Ted Laws, Craig Eliassen, Robert Cilento, Robert Watson, Mike Hart, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Mike Breeding, Dr. Mark Holodick, and Jeremy Jeanne. Thomas Neubauer, Executive Director, Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, and DIAA staff Terre Taylor and Tina Bates were also in attendance. Vetra Evans-Gunter, Douglas Thompson, Dr. Bradley Bley, Dr. Amelia Hodges and Leroy Mann were unable to attend.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waterman and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA December 8, 2016 Board Meeting

Mr. Eliassen made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Donovan and carried unanimously.

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Neubauer reported that to date the revenue received for FY16 was \$432,617 and for the reporting period was \$288,851 which was mostly from fall tournament revenue, member dues, and tournament entry fees. Mr. Neubauer reported that the expenses to date were \$417,577 and for the reporting period is \$144,366 which was mostly from tournament expenses. Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeanne and carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None

III. A. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Neubauer reported that there were 27 requests for sanctioning. Mr. Neubauer reported that the 27 events included 6 denied, 4 basketball, 6 wrestling, 7 indoor track and field, 4 outdoor track and field. Mr. Neubauer stated that to the best of his knowledge they were in compliance with DIAA and NFHS regulations. Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the 27 sanction events. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeanne and carried unanimously, 13 – Yes (Layfield, Cimaglia, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Eliassen, Fitzgerald, Hart, Jeanne, Waterman, Watson, and Williams) and 0 – no.

B. Annual Report to General Assembly

Mr. Neubauer explained that the Delaware law requires that DIAA submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly and provided a draft copy of the 2016 report to all Board members for their review. Mr. Breeding made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously, 13 – yes (Layfield, Cimaglia, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Eliassen, Fitzgerald, Hart, Jeanne, Waterman, Watson, and Williams) and 0 – no.

C. Funding for Delaware NFHS Student Leadership Conference Representatives

Mr. Neubauer reported that the NFHS is hosting their annual student leadership conference in Indianapolis on July 17-19, 2017. Mr. Neubauer explained that he was asking the Board for funding for two adults and three students from Delaware to attend the NFHS Student Leadership Conference. Mr. Neubauer further explained that he would like to send a representative from each county and also send Sebrina Perialas and Terre Taylor as the adult representatives. Mr. Neubauer stated that the request is for \$2,000.00 which is the same as last year. Dr. Fitzgerald asked that the students make a presentation to the Board when they return from the Student Leadership Conference. Mr. Neubauer commented that he will have the students appear before the Board and that each year the students that attend the NFHS SLC attend the DIAA Student Leadership Conference. Mr. Jeanne made a motion to approve this request and for the students to report on their experience to the Board in September. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fitzgerald and carried unanimously, 13 – yes (Layfield, Cimaglia, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Eliassen, Fitzgerald, Hart, Jeanne, Waterman, Watson, and Williams) and 0 – no.

D. Unified Sports Committee

Mr. Cimaglia reminded the Board that he was approved to develop a Unified

Sports Committee. Mr. Cimaglia reported that the committee is being developed and is staying in line with DIAA representation.

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to accept unified sports report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Breeding and carried unanimously, 14 – yes (Layfield, Cimaglia, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Eliassen, Fitzgerald, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Waterman, Watson, and Williams) and 0 – no.

#### E. Open Forum for Board Members

The Board discussed the Rules and Regulations and Officials Committees, waiver requests, and the hearing process.

The Board also discussed the realignment committee. Mr. Eliassen made a motion to continue the work of the realignment committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edney and carried unanimously, 15- yes (Layfield, Cimaglia, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Eliassen, Fitzgerald, Hart, Holodick, Jeanne, Laws, Waterman, Watson, and Williams) and 0 – no.

#### IV. Executive Director Report

##### A. Legal Report

Ms. Makransky reported that there are two pending appeals before the State Board of Education.

##### B. NIAAA

Mr. Neubauer and Ms. Taylor provided a report on the NIAAA conference he attended in December 2016 and reported that there were 19 schools from Delaware represented.

##### C. NFHS Winter Meeting

Mr. Neubauer reported on the NFHS Winter Meeting that he and Dr. Fitzgerald attended.

##### D. 72nd Annual Membership Meeting

Mr. Neubauer reported on the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Membership Meeting and stated that the Board was well represented at the annual meeting.

E. 2016 Fall Tournament Attendance Report

Mr. Neubauer reviewed with the Board the final fall attendance numbers.

F. Miscellaneous

None.

V. Other

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Cilento made a motion to adjourn at 2:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously, 14 – yes (Layfield, Cimaglia, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Eliassen, Fitzgerald, Hart, Holodick, Jeanne, Laws, Waterman, Watson, and Williams) and 0 – no.

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Tina Bates